
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 960

AN ACT EXEMPTING IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER VICTIMS FROM THE JURY SUMMONING PROCESS IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL ACTIONS.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows a surviving family member of a murder or homicide victim to request to be excluded from the jury summoning process (i.e., being called for jury duty) for criminal cases that include a murder or manslaughter charge. The bill applies to people whose spouse, child, sibling, or parent was the victim of such a crime.

Under the bill, the jury administrator must create and maintain a list of people who are excluded from the jury summoning process for this reason. Someone who requests such an exclusion may rescind the request at any time, by providing written notice to the jury administrator. (The bill does not specify whether the initial request for exclusion must be in writing.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 45 Nay 0 (04/15/2011)